Commissioning of Oil Refinery at Bhatinda

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in setting up of oil refinery at Bhatinda, Punjab, so far;

(b) whether the construction work etc., is going on as per schedule; and

(c) by when, the refinery is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR); (a) to (c) A subsidiary company of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has been formed and registered as Guru Gobind Singh Refineries Limited" (GGSRL) on December 13, 2000 to execute the Refinery Project alongwith associated facilities at Bhatinda in Punjab. Land for the Refinery site has been acquired and boundary wall constructed. Work on site grading and roads at the Refinery site has commenced in June, 2001. Engineers India Limited has been appointed as Engineering Project Management Consultant for major infrastructure facilities and has commenced engineering and tendering work. Detailed Route Survey and Cadestral Survey for Crude Oil Pipeline from Mundra to Bhatinda has been completed. About 90% construction work for Raw Water Channel to Refinery site has been completed. The project is expected to be completed by the year 2005.